

Memorandum

To: Donald C. Horseth, Distribution Engineer
From: Raymond G. Anderson
Date: June 6, 1961
Subject: Upper Bear River Distribution System

According to your instructions, I visited this area May 20, 1961, to assist the Commissioner and to check on conditions generally.

The Woodruff Reservoir was approximately 25% full or 700 acre feet.

There were no problems here. People are resolved to the fact that there is very little water and that they are getting their share. Efficient use of the water is being accomplished by combining the water of several ditches and taking turns where it is possible.

Meadowville Area

On May 18, the commissioner visited the area and obtained the following measurements:

Tuft Creek: Completely dry

Jebo Creek: .43 c.f.s., Being used by Del Cook

North Fork: .30 c.f.s., Being used by Joe Cook

Meadowville Ditch: .35 c.f.s., Being used in Meadowville.

I visited the area May 20, 1961, and obtained the following measurements and information.

Tuft Creek: Still dry

Jebo Creek .37 c.f.s. It was Matteson's turn with this water and Meadowville Ditch, but it wasn't worth going after, so the Jebo water was going on to Joe Cook's ground.

North Fork: 20 c.f.s. used by Del Cook

Meadowville Ditch: 35 c.f.s.

Judge Kimball Spring: .4 used by Joe Cook

The Cook Reservoir is full (has been so since January). Kay Cook asked if he needed a permit to take this water out of the reservoir in a private ditch on his own property.

He was pumping water out of a 22 ft. hole, he had dug. Westons threaten to sue him. They are waiting to see if it affects them. This hole is approximately 100 yards from the Meadowville Ditch.

Kay Cook also asked if he needed a permit to pump water to sprinkle ground above the ditch if done during his turn. The water has previously irrigated meadow ground below the ditch.

Harold Johnson said there were no problems. They are all waiting to see if Cook's pumping affects them.

Otter Creek

Charles Rex has both diversions full of water. I told the commissioner that one of them should be shut off. Mr. Rex has not installed any of the measuring devices that are needed. The other users feel like he should be forced to install them or lose his water.

Henry Nichols, the System representative complained about Lamborn's and Jessej being allowed to use all the water they want. I told him that the system was operating on a trial basis for these three years' to determine how much they should be allowed on the basis of the return flow. This had been the instructions and had been done the past two years'. He said that this was not the judge's decision and the users wouldn't accept it.

Bear River

The river water was being distributed partly on a share basis and partly on priority basis. I gave the commissioner the priority schedule drawn up by Mr. Norseth, to guide him if the users demanded that a priority schedule be followed. The commissioner said that he wouldn't use it unless the users demanded it.

The waste gates of the Randolph-Woodruff canal had been partially opened to allow water to go to the Crawford Thompson and other canals with high priorities.